



Vision Statement

Shared information is the foundation of the NETL's activities. We share and communicate information in a way that supports effective decision-making at all levels of the organization. Needed information is readily accessible in a usable format, meaningful to the user. Individuals do not hoard information but recognize it as a Center-wide resource.

Objectives

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1	The EA will promote the recognition that information is a significant NETL resource to be used in attaining the goals and objectives of the organization.
2	Implementation of the EA will result in an information infrastructure that will function as a cohesive system by combining all elements within the architecture to ensure information provided is current, accurate, and consistent throughout all levels of the organization.
3	Implementation of the EA will result in an information infrastructure that will facilitate the synthesis of NETL's technical and business information by promoting standard definitions and terms for information and data elements used throughout NETL.
4	Implementation of the EA will result in an information infrastructure that will promote the design of systems and processes where open access to information will be the rule rather than the exception. Where appropriate, security is designed into all architectural elements, balancing information protection with ease of use.
5	The Strategic Structural Model will be stable through organizational and management changes.

Policies

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1	All information at NETL has a steward who is responsible for its integrity and availability.
2	All information is freely available to those within the institution; it is only restricted when necessary.

3	Information format is changed only when there is an information need or a cost savings.
4	Information category and element definitions are documented and standardized.
5	Changes and additions to the EA are coordinated through a single individual or group.
6	Redundant systems will be consolidated provided the long-term benefit outweighs the cost.
7	The EA will be proactively managed with a high level of user input and feedback, planning for and shaping the future, rather than just reacting to present demands.
8	Information standards (such as security, compatibility, and interfaces) will be developed and followed.

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